

HITTING THE LINKS



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
A total of 416 teams and over 1,700 students took part in the annual Kappa Delta Campus Golf philanthropy to benefit Avalon and Prevent Child Abuse America. For more photos, see page 6. For video, see flatthatnews.com.

Voting problems cause halt in Honor Council elections

Glitches force council
to move referendum
to Wednesday

By IAN BRICKEY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

College of William and Mary administrators postponed Monday’s referendum on possible changes to the Honor Code, along with the election of members to the Undergraduate Honor Council. A new election will be held Wednesday due to the technical problems.

“We apologize for the technical difficulties concerning today’s Honor Council Elections and Honor Code Revision,” the Honor Council said in a statement to students sent through Interim Vice-President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler ’88 Ph.D. ’06. “The Honor Council is working with IT to investigate this matter further. A new vote will be held this Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.”

The message said errors in the ballot’s coding prevented some students from casting their votes and allowed individuals unauthorized access to

the ballot itself.

From the opening of voting at 8 a.m., members of the Honor Council and the Student Assembly were flooded with complaints from students experiencing difficulties casting their ballots.

Honor Council Elections Committee Chairman Will Eaton ’09 said the initial problem was caused by transferring the ballot’s Word document to a web site.

“The text of the referendum was from Microsoft Word,” Eaton said. “We could view it while we were editing it, but when some people accessed it, the script actually expanded and covered the choices, and students weren’t able to vote.”

Another technical difficulty involved the web addresses that were e-mailed to students.

Students were supposed to receive individualized links to the web site featuring the ballot, but were instead sent a general link open to anyone with access to a College e-mail address.

VOTE WEDNESDAY
The referendum and election vote will take place Wednesday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. online via Opinio.

See REFERENDUM page 3

RESEARCH ON CAMPUS

New life found in Crim Dell

Freshmen discover new
bacteria in the muck

By JESSICA KAHLBERG
Flat Hat Staff Writer

College of William and Mary freshmen participating in a national experiment funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute recently discovered what might be a new strain of bacteriophage, a virus that infects bacteria, in the Crim Dell.

The bacteriophage may provide a breakthrough in how phages work as well as insight into the treatment of diseases like tuberculosis.

The students, working through the Science Educational Alliance, a branch of HHMI that developed a two-semester research course known as the Phage Genomics Research Initiative, learned about scientific concepts while engaging in research.

The College is one of 12 institutions nationwide to participate in the national experiment.

In order to isolate bacteriophages, the students collected soil and water samples from the Crim Dell. The experiment was part of a larger attempt to determine the diversity of bacteriophage that infects the soil bacterium known as Mycobacterium Smegmatis.

Although the students conduct research on several parts of the campus, the only location where they found the unique phage was in the Crim Dell.

“When we realized that the phage was potentially unique, it was a very exciting moment,” Molly McDonough ’12 said.

See BACTERIOPHAGE page 2

Pizza Hut.....

Chez Trinh.....

Miyako Japanese Restaurant.....

Cornerstone Grill.....

Three Olives Greek Restaurant.....

Big Apple Bagels.....

Subway Sandwiches.....

Sal's By Victor.....

Library Tavern.....

415 Grill.....

Opus 9 Steakhouse.....

Center Street Grill.....

Z Pizza.....

Quiznos.....

Hospitality House.....

Hooters Restaurant.....

Food for Thought.....

La Yaca Restaurant.....

Padow's Ham and Deli.....

GREEN LEAF CAFE

College Dely and Pizza.....

Prime Rib House.....

Angus Grill.....

as's Italian Grill.....

aya Mexican.....

restaurant.....

an Grill.....

's Pizza.....

na Steve's Pancakes.....

ager King.....

Mama Mia's Italian Family.....

Aberdeen Barn.....

Kyoto Japanese House.....

Red Hot and Blue.....

Chili's.....

Captain George's Seafood.....

Applebee's Restaurant.....

The Olive Garden.....

La Tolteca.....

The Seafare of Williamsburg.....

BEST OF THE 'BURG

THE CHEESE SHOP

THE FAT CANARY

TEQUILA ROSE

THE BLUE TALON BISTRO

THE MARKETPLACE

GRAPHIC BY NISH PATEL — THE FLAT HAT

You know what we’re talking about. It’s the place you always turn to. Your favorite sandwich, dessert, or late-night snack. The Gobbler. Death By Chocolate. The Ninja Turtle. It’s comfort food, date food, fast food. It’s beers, margaritas, shaved ice.

It’s the Best of the ‘Burg.

The Flat Hat’s annual list features the top eateries in the Williamsburg area. Whether you are a fan of fast and cheap or in the mood for a more romantic meal, this guide provides you with the insight necessary to locate the best dining around the College of William and Mary.

The list is voted on by The Flat Hat’s editorial staff and contains not only the traditional favorites, but a few new winners as well.

New categories Best On-The-Go and Best Margarita were captured by WaWa and Tequila Rose, respectively.

In a surprise upset, Paul’s Deli replaced the Green Leaf Cafe as the best deli. But don’t fret, fans of mug night. The Green Leaf hung on to its title as top place to get a beer in Williamsburg.

Other repeats include Nawab, the Cheese Shop, Aroma’s, the Trellis and the Fat Canary.

Italian House just hits its quota

Language house forced
to accept non-speakers
to meet quota

By ADAM LERNER
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Arrivederci to the Italian House? Not so fast.

Just three days before the deadline to apply for specialty housing, the Italian House was in danger of not receiving enough applicants to fill the house.

But in the end, a Facebook group and some luck helped rekindle enough interest in the house to save it from an uncertain fate.

On Jan. 27, Language House Coordinator Crystal Adams informed Italian House Tutor Novella Gremigni that if 20 applications were not received for the Italian House, it could be put on probation. If the house did not receive enough applications for two years in a row, it could be shut down.

That evening, Gremigni broke the news to Italian House resident Megan O’Connor ’09, who, motivated by her own positive experience in the Italian House, immediately started a Facebook group titled “Save the Italian House.”

“[At first, I thought] we should do a rally or make sandwich boards and run around, or distribute pasta to everyone on campus or something,” O’Connor said. “Then I just went in my room and just decided to make the Facebook group because that seemed like the quickest,

See ITALIAN page 3

NEWS INSIGHT

The Flat Hat

‘Stabilitas et Fides’

25 Campus Center, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA. 23185
Newsroom (757) 221-3281 — Advertising Dept. (757) 221-3283 — Fax (757) 221-3242

THE FLAT HAT — flathat.editor@gmail.com
NEWS — fhnews@gmail.com VARIETY — flathat.variety@gmail.com
SPORTS — flathatsports@gmail.com OPINIONS — fhopinions@gmail.com
ADVERTISING — flathatads@gmail.com

Austin Wright, *Editor-in-Chief*
Jeff Dooley, *Managing Editor* — Alice Hahn, *Executive Editor*
Brian Mahoney, *Online Editor*

Alex Guillén, *News Editor*
Miles Hilder, *News Editor*
Ashley Morgan, *Variety Editor*
Andrew Pike, *Sports Editor*
Russ Zerbo, *Opinions Editor*
Kelsey Weissgold, *Business Manager*

Taylor Martindale, *Copy Chief*
Vanessa VanLandingham, *Copy Chief*
Caitlin Fairchild, *Photo Editor*
Maral Noori, *Photo Editor*
Alexander Ely, *Chief Staff Writer*
Tom MacWright, *Web Director*

Mike Crump, Assoc. News Editor
Maggie Reeb, Assoc. News Editor
Sam Sutton, Assoc. News Editor
Isshin Teshima, Assoc. News Editor
Summer Finck, Assoc. Variety Editor
Rachel Rudebusch, Assoc. Variety Editor
Pam Snyder, Assoc. Variety Editor
Matt Poms, Assoc. Sports Editor
Chris Weidman, Assoc. Sports Editor
Alexa McClanahan, Assoc. Opinions Editor
Ameya Jammi, Insight Editor
Bertel King, Jr., Insight Editor
Catherine Anderson, Copy Editor
Chelsea Caumont, Copy Editor
Leah Fry, Copy Editor

Amanda Goodman, Copy Editor
Logan Herries, Copy Editor
Megan Keeling, Copy Editor
Cory Chapman, Copy Editor
Katie Lee, Copy Editor
Jack Hohman, Chief Photographer
Liz Horne, Production Assistant
Meredith Nall, Production Assistant
Michael Kirby, Senior Sales Representative
Reggie Gomez, Local Sales Representative
Matthias Jamora, Local Sales Representative
Jessica Dobis, Accountant
Juae Son, Accountant
Jin Woo, Accountant

Corrections

Due to an editing error, Kevin Salinas was listed as a rising senior instead of a rising sophomore in the list of Honor Council candidates in last Friday’s issue.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

Weather

Tuesday

High 54°
Low 35°

Wednesday

High 54°
Low 35°

Thursday

High 65°
Low 49°

Source: www.weather.com

News in brief

Grad student announces project at CGIU

College of William and Mary graduate student Adam Stackhouse '04 M.A. '06 announced a project titled the 2010 International Mercury Exposition at this year's Clinton Global Initiative University. Former president Bill Clinton hosted the CGIU at the University of Texas in Austin last week and announced new projects that students and universities are undertaking to improve the global community.

“Through Clinton Global Initiative University, students and universities have made more than 1,700 commitments that affect hundreds of thousands of lives and make a difference in their communities and worldwide,” Clinton said.

Stackhouse’s commitment includes the conception, planning and execution of the 2010 International Mercury Expo to address the global concerns of mercury pollution.

Retired judge dies of heart attack

Retired judge Lloyd Coleman Sullenberger J.D. '66 died Wednesday at the age of 68, reported the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He passed away in a Charlottesville hospital after an apparent heart attack.

The judge was known for granting a stay of execution in 1985 that bought time for mentally disabled, convicted murderer-rapist Earl Washington Jr. to be exonerated by DNA evidence. He was a justice from 1985 to 2000 of the 16th Judicial Circuit, which covers Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Culpepper, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison and Orange.

— by Bertel King, Jr.

By the Numbers

6

The number of times Kate Winslet was nominated for an Academy Award before finally winning Best Actress for her role in “The Reader.” The 33-year-old Winslet is the youngest actress to receive six Oscar nominations.

\$104.4 million

The earnings of “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button,” which was the highest-grossing movie nominated for an Academy Award.

8

The movies from the top 50 box office releases that were nominated, including “The Dark Knight,” “Ironman,” and “Wall-E.”

1940

The year that Hattie McDaniel won the Best Supporting Actress award for her role in “Gone With the Wind,” becoming the first black person to win an Academy Award.

34.26 million

The number of viewers who watched the 81st Academy Awards this year. According to the Nielsen Ratings, the 1942 academy awards had the most viewers, with 43.4 percent of households tuning in.

— by Ameya Jammi

STREET BEAT

How do you plan on voting for the Honor Council referendum?



“I just heard about it today so I haven’t thought about it.”

Kristian Olceman '10



“I think I will vote yes because I feel like it needs to be changed.”

Clayton Perry '12



“I think the Honor Code is too confusing to vote either yes or no for it.”

Dangaia Sims '11



“I don’t really care, but I’m voting yes.”

Ricky Coston, Jr. '12

— photos and interviews by Bertel King, Jr.

CITY POLICE BEAT

Feb. 13 to Feb. 22



1 Friday, Feb. 13 — An individual was arrested on the 1600 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged abduction, grand larceny, and assault.

2 — An individual was arrested on the 200 block of Harrison Ave. for allegedly stealing a bag of golf clubs.

1 Sunday, Feb. 15 — A 31-year-old female was arrested on the 1900 block of Westgate Circle for alleged domestic assault and battery.

3 Tuesday, Feb. 17 — A 44-year-old female was arrested on the 100 block of Merrimac Trail for allegedly being drunk in

public.

1 Wednesday, Feb. 18 — An individual was arrested on the 1600 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged larceny.

4 Thursday, Feb. 19 — A 36-year-old male was arrested on the 1400 block of N. Mount Vernon Ave. for alleged domestic assault.

3 Friday, Feb. 20 — An individual was arrested on the 100 block of Merrimac Trail for allegedly stealing a 32” TV and a cell phone.

5 — A 40-year-old male was arrested on the 400 block of N. Boundary St. for allegedly being drunk in public.

5 Saturday, Feb. 21 — A 21-year-old male was arrested on the 200 block of Scotland St. for allegedly being drunk in public.

1 — A 23-year-old male was arrested on the 1600 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly driving with a suspended license.

6 Sunday, Feb. 22 — A 26-year-old male was arrested on the 1300 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly driving under the influence and possession of marijuana.

7 — A 65-year-old male was arrested on the 100 block of Mimosa Dr. for alleged domestic assault.

— compiled by Bertel King, Jr.

New bacteria found in Crim Dell

BACTERIOPHAGE from page 1

“For a lot of us, it was the moment that we really began to grasp that this lab is conducting authentic research that could make a contribution to this area of study. As novice researchers, that was an incredible feeling for us.”

Joe McClain, director of Research Communications of the College’s University Relations, said this discovery represents the potential of the College when it works together with national organizations.

Biology professor Kurt Williamson, who conducts the course along with biology professors Margaret Saha and Mark Forsyth, said the phages were isolated around the third week of classes last semester. Yet, since work is ongoing, it is difficult to determine exactly when this phage was discovered.

Forsyth said there are numerous benefits in finding new strains of bacteriophages, including using the organisms to help treat diseases that are traditionally cured with antibiotics, such as tuberculosis.

“The viruses we are isolating are lethal for a non-pathogenic relative of the bacterium, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, that causes tu-

berculosis,” Forsyth said. “As this devastating pathogen is becoming increasingly difficult to treat due to the acquisition of resistance to multiple antibiotics, it may be possible to use bacteriophage as an alternate means to treat the infection.”

Forsyth explained the series of steps taken to discover if the bacteriophage is in fact a new strain.

“We sent purified genomic DNA from one of our viruses, named CrimD, to the Joint Genome Institute at the Department of Energy National Lab in Los Alamos, N.M., in November,” Forsyth said. “They sequenced the virus entirely and we are now annotating the genome and comparing it to known viral DNA sequences in various databases and by various bioinformatic methods.”

Williamson said they already have preliminary proof that the bacteriophage is a new strain, but they will not know for sure until the DNA sequence is completed in a few weeks.

According to Williamson, a new bacteriophage genome sequence could lead to a new model to compare with other sequenced phage genomes.

“We could ask useful questions like: Which genes are common? Which are

unique? Have genes been swapped around from this phage to other phage genomes, and with what frequency?” Williamson said. “Our phage may encode completely novel proteins and enzymes. That’s part of the excitement of discovery.”

Williamson said that about 500 phage genomes have been sequenced. Students isolated about 20 phages this past fall, but were only able to fully sequence one genome. The other 11 schools in SEA also are sequencing one phage genome, which means that a total of 62 different phages are all infecting the same organism.

“Considering the sheer abundance and genetic diversity of phages on the planet, each new phage genome that is sequenced represents a potentially rare discovery,” Williamson said.

McDonough said that they may have discovered more new strains of bacteriophages than they realize.

“In the phage lab, we were looking for more than one unique virus and we managed to isolate many that may potentially be unique,” McDonough said. “However, we were only able to send the DNA from one of them for sequencing, so that is the genome with which we are currently working.”

Williamson said this lab differs from a typical lab in that it engages students in genuine research typically reserved for professionals.

“Many introductory lab courses are implemented in a ‘cookbook’ fashion where students follow step-by-step instructions to arrive at predetermined results,” Williamson said. “This is misleading. It’s not real science, and it disconnects students from valuable lessons learned by troubleshooting and the thrills of genuine discovery.”

Williamson said studying phage genomics is particularly good for doing hands-on research.

The research lab consists of 27 freshmen. The students were selected based on a short application and an essay on why they wanted to participate. Because the students are working with real samples, three professors are needed to oversee the group.

“We teach this course because we love it,” Williamson said. “The level of dedication and quality of research produced by these [College] freshmen has been phenomenal. And since we are working with true unknowns, the course is just as exciting for the professors as it is for the students.”



COURTESY PHOTO — STEPHEN SALPUKAS

Kasi Hartman '12, Sam Harvey '12 and Moni Del Toral '12 collected soil samples from the Crim Dell last September as part of their biology lab before preparing the DNA of the samples. One of the samples collected by students revealed a new strain of bacteriophages.

Student speaks out on case against the RIAA

Martin Feeney '09 settled with recording industry after being sued for misusing music upload sites

By BERTEL KING, Jr.
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Martin Feeney '09 was one of the 29 College of William and Mary students sued last year by the Recording Industry Association of America for downloading music illegally.

He ended up paying \$4,000 to settle the suit.

"The first program I ever used was Kazaa," Feeney said when asked about how he learned about peer-to-peer software. "I must have been a sophomore in high school — I remember when I they all came out. It was pretty much the time when mp3 players first hit the market. When I first started, no one said you couldn't use it. It was the way that everyone got their music."

Feeney was in for bad luck years later when the RIAA cracked down on downloading music illegally on college campuses. He received a notice from the RIAA, even though his identity was never revealed to the industry.

"In December of 2007, my laptop was destroyed when beer was spilled on it and my iPod was stolen from my on-campus housing," Feeney said. "I was being

sued for music files that I did not even have in my possession. To make it worse, the letter from the RIAA was dated Jan. 9, 2008, and it stated that 'If you do not resolve our claims against you within 20 calendar days from the date of this letter, then we will file suit against you in federal court.'"

Feeney called the number on the letter on the same day that he received it.

"I talked to an operator, and it was made clear that the 20 days to pay my settlement were already up. It was 2 or 3 p.m. and they closed at 8 p.m., so I had four hours to pay."

The price to settle would have been \$3,000. Missing the deadline brought the price up to \$4,000.

"It's highway robbery," Feeney said. "They don't give you an option. You can settle, or they're going to sue you."

While Feeney had no further conversations with the RIAA, he said the person on the phone was nice. However, his dad was furious when he told him the news over the phone. Feeney's parents felt the \$4,000 could have better gone toward tuitions and books.

"How happy would your parents be if you said you needed \$4,000 dollars to settle for down-

loading music?" Feeney asked. "That money was my Christmas and birthday presents for the rest of my life."

The RIAA has since ended its strategy of suing students, according to the Wall Street Journal. The trade group plans to work with internet-service providers directly, sending e-mails to the provider when it finds a provider's customers making music available online for others to take.

Feeney said he never shared songs on peer-to-peer sites and that he had no idea how to. He maintained that the idea of making money from the music never crossed his mind. "I had no intention — whatsoever — of making any profit off of music I had downloaded. That's one of the reasons I thought that the fact that I was being charged with illegally distributing music was ridiculous."

Feeney strongly recommended people who currently use peer-to-peer software to stop.

"At 99 cents a song, \$3,000 is 3,000 songs using a program like iTunes," he said. "To this day, I have not replaced my iPod, nor used any kind of p2p program. I use Pandora and YouTube to listen to music while I am at a computer."

Honor Council referendum vote delayed by technical difficulties

SA Sen. Nelson '10 raises questions about his rejected bid to run for council

REFERENDUM from page 1

SA Vice President Kristin Slawter '09 said Monday's result was disappointing, but that such malfunctions would not stop the election from ultimately being held.

"Today's situation was just a technical difficulty," Slawter said.

Opponents of the referendum have criticized the Honor Council's use of the Opinio survey system over the traditional Student Information Network.

This is the first election conducted using Opinio. The previous system, SIN, also suffered from many technical problems.

According to Eaton, the new system has several advantages over SIN, like the ability to send reminder e-mails to students, track voting throughout the election, and quickly determine turnout. Monday's problems were due to the transition from one system to the other.

"SIN is not being sufficiently supported," Eaton said. "Only about two people know how to run the thing. Some problems came up in the fall referendum, and it had really bad turnout."

Eaton said the new system and increased publicity drive

could increase student turnout.

"With Opinio, we can send out reminder e-mails [and] individualized links," Eaton said. "I'm definitely confident we can increase turnout, even with the problems."

Honor Council members worked with the College's Information Technology department to fix the system and make it more secure. For the next election, students will be asked to enter their user ID number and passwords for confirmation.

Slawter said Monday's difficulties could even benefit the rescheduled election.

"If anything, it's just given it more publicity, which is good," Slawter said. "It could increase turnout, and you want as many students voting as possible."

Additional questions arose when SA Sen. Steven Nelson '10 said his Honor Council application had been denied by the Honor Council's nominating committee.

"I applied with the knowledge I'd be rejected," Nelson said. "I was rejected for an alcohol violation freshman year."

Nelson said he also felt he may have been rejected for his past criticism of the Honor Council and his opposition to

last fall's Honor Code referendum.

The Honor Council's bylaws stipulate that a candidate's application can be denied for a "serious judicial violation," along with several other reasons.

Nelson said he applied for the council last year, but was also denied. He said his alcohol violation was not mentioned.

"Last year, their rationale was that I turned my application in five to 10 minutes late," Nelson said. "The election is free of an objective standard. [The alcohol violation] did not figure in last year."

Dean of Students Patricia Volp was unavailable for immediate comment.

Slawter, the student representative to the nominating committee, declined to comment on Nelson's allegations.

CLASSIFIEDS

Headache? Neck pain? Back pain? Sports Injury? Stress? We can help. Visit www.performancechiropractic.com to see how CHIROPRACTIC, APUCPUNTURE, and MASSAGE help you be your best. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Performance Chiropractic at 229-4161. (Ad authorized by Dr. Daniel Shaye, chiropractic physician, W&M 1990)

Summer Jobs: We seek Christian college students to be Camp Counselors and Lifeguards for Kaleidoscope Camp. Students can earn college credit by working at Camp. For more information check www.wcrc.info or contact Jenn Hill at 757-566-2255 or programs@wcr.info

Italian House solves housing crisis by making Facebook group

ITALIAN from page 1

easiest, most realistic way to get the word out there."

Gremigni said that garnering interest is an annual problem for many language houses, which have to receive enough applications to fill 90 percent of the house, or risk going on probation.

"That's why we are trying to let students understand that it's good to finally have an Italian House to live in and we want to do better every year," Gremigni said. "That's also why Megan created the Facebook group — to let students know that the House is something that has to be protected. It's something that we gained and we want it to stay open, especially because it's the newest one."

O'Connor initially invited 30 friends to the group. But within two days, the group had grown to over 90 members, including not only applicants to the house and members of the College community but also supporters from as far away as Italy.

According to Gremigni, the Italian House received 21 applications in total.

It's unclear how many of the group's members, had already planned to apply before the group was made. One group member Tim Page '10, who had lived in the Italian House his sophomore year, was eager to return after having spent a year

in the Units.

"The language houses are the only places on campus that have that kind of community feeling ... like the same as Greek housing, but they're not as crazy," Page said.

"Or dirty," Mike Vance '10 added.

Vance, who has no experience with Italian language, applied to the Italian House partly because he wanted to live with Page, and partly because he saw it as the least competitive of all the language houses this year.

"I don't know any [Italian]," Vance said. "Tim's taught me a couple of words — like, you know, fettuccine alfredo, prego."

According to Gremigni, about 13 of the 21 applicants to the Italian House had previous experience with Italian. Currently, about half of the Italian House's residents either do not take Italian or have any previous experience in it. She attributes this to the small size of the Italian department and to the Italian House's short history.

"It's still kind of taking off, and hopefully, as more people become more interested in it, it'll become more competitive," O'Connor said.

Italian is currently not offered as a major at the College.

"This explains why we have to fight a little bit more to get people know what the House is doing and what it means living there," Gremigni said.

The Flat Hat

now on

twitter

Stay up-to-the-minute with updates from the most trusted news source on campus

www.twitter.com/theflathat



the flathat

Honor Council referendum rescheduled after technical problems: <http://tinyurl.com/dlxwqw>

about 8 hours ago from web

The Flat Hat's Academy Awards predictions and analysis: <http://tinyurl.com/d53xdq>

1:50 PM Feb 22nd from web

Check out the Flat Hat's Oscars drinking game: <http://tinyurl.com/bp4uf7>

10:43 AM Feb 22nd from web

Ina Whitehead
Editor
APA Format
iwhitehead55@hotmail.com
(757) 722-4020

ITALIAN MOTORCYCLES & SCOOTERS

Moto Guzzi • Piaggio • Vespa
SALES • SERVICE • VINTAGE BIKES

steelhorse classics

www.steelhorseclassics.com 757-221-6670
700 Alexander Lee Pkwy, Winsbg



FORTUNE 100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR 2008

IDEAL



Day one

and the possibilities are endless

Day one. It's when you take charge, meet new challenges and stretch yourself. It's where you discover fresh opportunities around every corner. And it's where you find the freedom to explore different services and industry sectors. From your very first day, we're committed to helping you achieve your potential. So, whether your career lies in assurance, tax, transaction or advisory services, shouldn't your day one be at Ernst & Young?

What's next for your future?
Visit ey.com/us/eyinsight and our Facebook page.

ERNST & YOUNG
Quality In Everything We Do

©2009 ERNST & YOUNG LLP. Ernst & Young refers to the global organization of member firms of Ernst & Young Global Limited, one of which is a separate legal entity. Ernst & Young LLPs are not-for-profit member firms located in the U.S.

STAFF EDITORIAL

College cannot force out frats

At the College of William and Mary, the fraternities’ relationships with Residence Life is nothing if not complicated. Res Life must balance the demands of a unique residential environment against Greeks’ desire for autonomy. But a new policy that would require fraternities to fill every unit with 36 men goes too far and highlights the need to reconsider the way the College facilitates housing for Greek men.

For the last four years, Res Life has given fraternities the option of purchasing the vacant halves of three double rooms in the Units, lowering the full occupancy requirement for the buildings from 36 to 33. The new policy eliminates that provision to make available more spots for unaffiliated students looking for housing.

That means that while the organizations must still find at least 29 members to live in each unit, they’ll now be on the hook for \$2,300 in vacancy charges for every room they fail to fill. Although the fraternities average about 45 members, semesters abroad, Residence Assistant positions and the overall undesirability of the Units mean that filling them remains a struggle every year. The new policy is already set to drive several chapters off campus.

We can think of few outcomes less desirable for the College.

Certainly, the social scene on campus will diminish or diffuse with the loss of these organizations. More important, though, is the Greek system’s influence on the residential experience at the College. As recently as 2006, a paper in the American Journal of Economics and Sociology confirmed Greek life at a university contributed to higher levels of alumni giving. Similarly, diminishing Greek life, and thus social outlets, damages the College’s reputation, reducing applicants and increasing our acceptance rate. When College policy works against the Greek system, it works against its economic interests as well.

At the heart of the problem lies the fraternities’ inability to administer their own living space. Self-determination goes only so far in the Units, where the College allows Greek men to decide when they’ll turn out the lights, but not whether or not their walls can remain permanently painted. Restrictions like these limit a fraternity’s ability to take ownership of its buildings. They remain in a constant state of transition, not even granted the sense of permanency afforded to the sorority houses. They treat the units like rentals because that’s what they are.

The solution lies in a compromise. The College can meet the demand for on-campus housing by opening the upper floor of each unit to independents while retaining the rest of the building for Greeks. Taking away those eight rooms would ease the pressure on fraternities by effectively making the house smaller. In return for the added confidence that house affiliations would remain the same from year to year, Res Life could also ease restrictions on how members could outfit their rooms and common areas. Freshman hallmates looking to stay together and afraid of being bumped would readily live as a block in the third floor of the units.

But in the end, a weak plan such as the one proposed only solves part of the problem. Two years ago we advocated handing fraternities the administrative houses lining Jamestown Road and moving those offices into the unused Dillard Complex. Costly as that transition might prove, it would end years of wrangling over the Units.

The staff editorial represents the opinion of The Flat Hat. The editorial board, which is elected by The Flat Hat’s section editors and executive staff, consists of Austin Wright, Jeff Dooley, Alice Hahn, Ashley Morgan, Andy Peters and Andy Henderson.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A dishonorable election To the Editor:

The Honor Code at the College of William and Mary is one of our most hallowed traditions. Regrettably, as the events of yesterday have shown, not only are its members far from infallible; they are capable of bungling an election so important to them.

Yesterday’s Honor Council election was fraught with problems. In the space of 10 minutes, I received word that no less than six people were having voting problems. If you couldn’t find the checkbox to vote for or against the referendum, you weren’t alone — in fact, you seem to have been the norm.

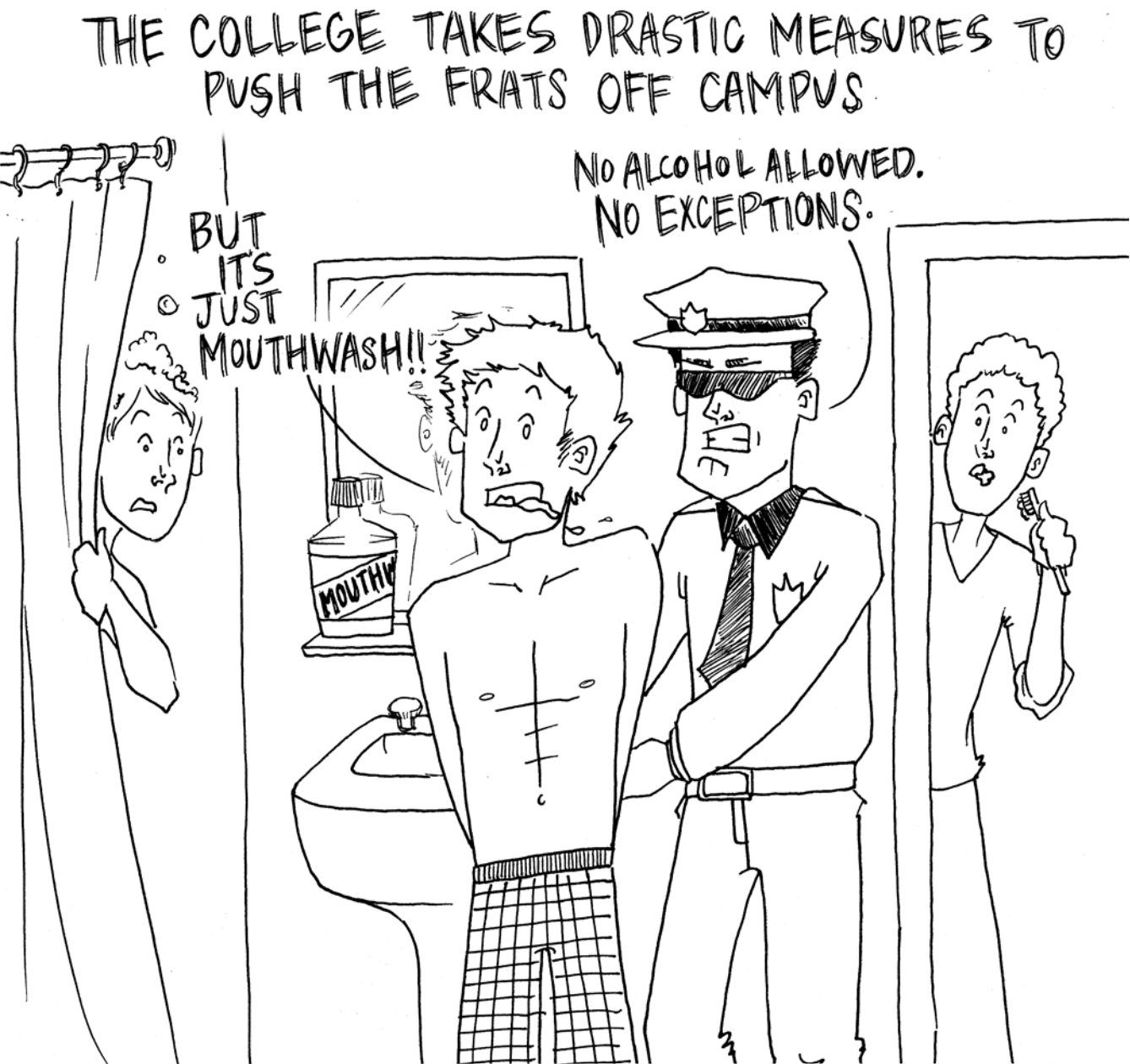
That an election on such a matter was botched so massively is inexcusable, particularly when doing something obvious (such as setting the rules change referendum on a second page, instead of on the same page with

those running for the council) was so easily done. Though I hesitate to blame the members of the Honor Council themselves, the affair certainly feels as though they specifically wanted to make voting on the referendum difficult for all but the most dogged voter.

At the time of this writing, it is not yet 11 a.m. on election day, yet an unknown and unknowable number of votes have been lost to this disaster, with the intent of the voters who lost their votes impossible to know.

Regardless of the result, this referendum needs to be run again, and Chair of the Undergraduate Honor Council Matt Dinan ’09 should not be running it. He needs to resign in the face of his miserable failure with this election. It is the only honorable course for him to take.

— Cliff Dunn ’09



By Vicky Chao, Flat Hat Cartoonist

Students must hold Honor Council accountable

Hart Moore
FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Once again, the Honor Code referendum will be pressed to another vote by the Student Assembly, following yesterday’s election bungle, which allowed both College of William and Mary students and personnel unaffiliated with the College to vote an unlimited number of times.

However, should we really give this measure the second shot that it supposedly deserves? Following a poor voter turnout in November, the vote was deliberately paired with the Honor Council election yesterday. Rescheduled for this Wednesday, it will once again receive a poor voter turnout. And if the measure fails to pass, it may well be put up to another revote.

The Honor Council has construed the bill’s initial failure as a result of poor voter turnout, and has lauded the organizational changes that they claim characterize the amendment. Yet hidden in the corner is an extremely powerful clause that is responsible for the opposition. This new clause, which would allow future changes to sections 5.1 through 5.6 of the code to circumvent the arduous process of a student body vote, as well as the approval of Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and Attorney General Bob McDonnell, is seen by many as a violation of the democratic spirit of our governing laws. And rightly so.

No document other than the Honor Code goes so far

When it comes to community altering documents, principles must be held above convenience.

as to expel members from our community for actions that are not necessarily illegal by Virginia state law. And as an institution that takes a huge sum of money from Virginia taxpayers, we should hesitate to vote down an amendment that sacrifices convenience for the rights of our state government and students. It does not sway me that the benefit of the convenience of passing trivial changes may outweigh the cost to student rights. The Honor Code is not above the government of Virginia; nor is it above the student body of the College, and any changes to it, no matter how subjectively trivial, must be held accountable by the two groups that allow for its existence. When it comes to community-altering documents, principles must always be held above convenience.

So on Wednesday, instead of approving the referendum, write a letter to one of your Honor Council representatives. Explain that the new organization is great, the new clarity is fabulous, but the infringement on your rights is unacceptable. Tell them there is a reason that stringent amendment procedures are in place, and that an accused student has the right to know he participated in the crafting of the document.

The oppositional faction of the student body has been characterized as ignorant of the amendment, and easily swayed by those whose ignorance has been manifested in fear. Those who make this accusation wholly underestimate the average College student. Instead of looking at how to pass a previously failed bill, the Honor Council should look at what was wrong with it in the first place. Until then, exercise your right to preserve your rights.

Hart Moore is a sophomore at the College.

Policy changes are unsurprising from anti-Greek administration

Alexander Ely
FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



Last week, campus media outlets were filled with reports on the Office of Residence Life’s policy change toward special interest housing and the implications that it may have for the Greek system as a whole. The Flat Hat ran a story under the headline “Res Life Policy Change Could Push Frats Out,” while The Virginia Informer ran a front-page story under the ominous banner of “The End of Frat Row?”

Columnists in both papers wrote pieces questioning the decision by Res Life to eliminate the buy-out option for fraternities residing in the Units, raising the in-house brotherhood quota by three spaces.

Reading these reports, one could easily believe that things aren’t going too well for fraternities at the College of William and Mary. But it’s not as bad as you might think — it’s worse. Far worse.

Before I get to the present, there are

some important moments of the past that need to be understood. In 2003, after an alleged sexual assault incident involving an underage girl at a fraternity complex, former College President Timothy Sullivan convened a special task force to reexamine existing policies and recommend changes that could help the College protect its students and avoid future incidents. While on paper it appeared that there were few major changes, what actually happened was that fraternities were banned from having parties with alcohol without filing detailed guest lists, only serving one drink per hour to each guest and submitting to large police presences at their functions.

The irony of course was that the sexual assault incident had occurred behind closed doors in the Units. The College’s reaction to that incident actually made it more likely that such events would occur in the future by leading students to pregame heavily and drink liquor in locked dorm rooms.

In the years that followed, the campus Greek community tried time and again to work with Res Life and the Dean

of Students Office to enhance student life on campus and create scenarios in which Greek organizations could be more accountable. But the administration was less interested in working with the fraternities than they were in ridding the campus of their presence. The fraternities might as well have been talking to a brick wall.

The fraternities didn’t have a choice.

Res Life’s policy change was the logical next step for an administration that has done almost everything in its power to eradicate the fraternities.

They had preferred the years before the Task Force, when their relationships with the police were largely amicable and the drinking culture was much healthier, but that option was no longer on the table. So, they did what anyone in that situation would do. They developed intricate plans to hide any drinking or partying. They dealt with probation — which was usually given to several

chapters during Rush to decrease the likelihood that they would have enough members to fill their houses. They paid the constant fees to Res Life for vacancies, trash and property damage.

It’s no secret that the College’s alcohol policy puts students in harm’s way each weekend; everybody knows this. But more incredible is the method of enforcing the policies, which should be turned into a book and sold to education graduate programs for its almost step-by-step guide in how not to run an American college or university.

For instance, the Office of Student Affairs refused to install trash receptacles behind the fraternities during homecoming because they were afraid it would encourage drinking. Anytime that a beer can is discovered lying on the ground or resting in a trash bin in public areas, Greek organizations are charged.

Yet the fraternities have endured. In fact, more chapters have been established, and demand for the prime real estate of Frat Row grew. The administration was then left with two options. They could kick the fraternities off campus themselves, which was

difficult because — fortunately — the College allows individuals and organizations to opt for student and faculty involvement in the judicial process, making it less likely that overzealous deans can throw fraternities off campus without a good reason.

Their second option was to raise the household brother quota and step up enforcement, forcing out many chapters that could not fill their houses and convincing others that they were better off voluntarily leaving because the conditions were almost unbearable. They chose the latter.

Res Life’s policy change was not a kneejerk reaction to the actions of a few chapters, nor was it an effort to make housing more accessible to students by removing on-campus vacancies. It was the logical next step for an administration that has done almost everything in its power to eradicate the fraternities.

I wonder how long it will take for Williamsburg to figure out that all the fraternities will be living and partying off campus in the next few years. That should be interesting.

Alexander Ely is a senior at the College.

VARIETY

Variety Editor Ashley Morgan
flathat.variety@gmail.com

BEST ETHNIC: NAWAB

Whether you dine at Nawab during its delicious lunchtime buffet or choose something from its extensive menu, you will not be disappointed. The mouth-watering choices at Nawab practically guarantee its place as Best Ethnic Restaurant. The restaurant prepares every dish with flavors that make you feel as if you’ve stepped into New Delhi. The samosas, a definite must-try, are the perfect way to start a meal — these flakey turnovers are stuffed with seasoned potatoes and peas. The spicy flavor of the filling complements the simple taste of the crust. For an entree, you cannot go wrong with the chicken tikka masala — chicken marinated in yogurt, then simmered in a tomato and cream sauce. No meal is complete without a dessert of gulab jamun. These sweet dumplings are served in a cardamom-infused syrup with toasted coconut flakes. If you have a sweet tooth, this is the dessert for you.

— Ashley Morgan

BEST MARGARITA: TEQUILA ROSE

Seedy Mexican restaurants have developed into a dearly beloved institution, but Tequila Rose outshines them all. The dim lighting and cat-calling patrons may turn some customers away, but don’t let it get to you. Unbeatable in Williamsburg, the food is divine. The extensive menu, recently revised, includes a Spanish vocabulary section so you know just what you’re ordering. Options range from more expensive entrees to combination meals involving some mix of burritos, tacos, chalupas, enchiladas and the like, to a la carte options. Personal recommendation: Try the chicken quesadillas. Of course, the critical measure of a Mexican restaurant is its margaritas; Tequila Rose does not disappoint. Available in a range of sizes — from nine to 32 ounces — and frozen or on ice, anyone can find the perfect margarita for the moment. Located a ways down Merrimack Trail, it would be quite a hike walking, so make sure to bring a designated driver. It’s well worth the trek.

— Alice Hahn

BEST ON-CAMPUS: MARKETPLACE

While eating at the Caf or the Sadler Center dining hall often feels like eating in a hospital cafeteria, the Marketplace offers a slightly more ambient feel and, at the very least, more choices. Zoca, the Mexican station, is always a good bet for quesadillas and taco salads, especially if Marie or Jamal are working. The chicken tenders and burgers are surprisingly good, and, if that doesn’t sound appetizing, there are always smoothies or a Chick-Fil-A sandwich. In addition, the Starbucks tucked into the corner provides a much-needed source of caffeine on that side of campus. Two complaints: The dessert selection is woefully measly (though occasionally you can catch a parfait or pastry), and Homezone seems to serve no purpose other than to emanate questionable fumes that confirm my long-held belief that vegetables are, in fact, bad for you. However, at present, my five-quesdillas-a-week habit is keeping me a fan of the Marketplace.

— Alexa McClanahan

BEST BREAKFAST: IHOP

When it comes to breakfast food, the competitors just can’t touch IHOP. Not only does this place have fantastic omelettes, French toast and pancakes, but it gets bonus points for serving these delicious offerings all day long — not to mention all night long on weekends. Go basic with the breakfast sampler or a Rooty Tooty Fresh ’N Fruity. If you’re feeling more cosmopolitan, try one of the new Nutella crepes or the Danish fruit crepes. For the health-conscious, there’s always an order of the Harvest Grain ’N Nut pancakes or a heart-healthy spinach and mushroom omelette.

As if the tasty food and prices to compliment a College student’s often-depleted bank account weren’t enough to draw you in, IHOP happens to be hosting National Pancake Day today. Visit the Richmond Road or Rochambeau Drive locations any time from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for a free short stack of the pancakes that made IHOP famous.

— Vanessa VanLandingham

BEST DATE RESTAURANT: BLUE TALON BISTRO

Checking in at the top spot of our Best Date Restaurant category is Prince George Street’s Blue Talon Bistro. The upscale restaurant sports the tagline “Serious Comfort Food” and doesn’t disappoint, delivering a menu chock-full of delicious favorites, including the lamb chops (\$27.95), seared salmon (\$23.95) and their signature mac ’n cheese (\$15.95). A dinner for two does end up being pretty pricey, so be sure to save a trip to the Blue Talon for when you really want to impress your favorite guy or gal. A cheaper option: Visit the restaurant for weekend brunch. The food is every bit as delicious, and meals are typically under \$15. Be sure to try their meatloaf dish with pork and potato hash, hollandaise and a poached egg. And for the over-21 crowd, you can’t go wrong by kicking off a date with a mimosa or three.

— Jeff Dooley

BEST DELI: PAUL’S DELI

It’s not pretentious like the Green Leafe, but it feels like someone mopped the floor last night, unlike the College Delly. Located next to its upscale rival and across from its low-price competitor, Paul’s Deli finds the perfect balance between classy and trashy. You don’t stand in a line to get in, like at the Leafe — but once inside, you find yourself with plenty of company, unlike at College. The wide variety of greasy drunk food that Paul’s offers is exactly what you’ll crave at 1:30 a.m. Friday, or at 9 p.m. Wednesday while watching the Duke-Maryland game on one of the 10 TVs. Not to mention, all of the College sports memorabilia lining the walls makes you feel proud to be part of the Tribe rather than ashamed to live in a city too lame for actual bars.

— Austin Wright



CAITLIN FAURCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

BEST DESSERT: THE TRELIS

When most people think of The Trellis, let’s face it, we all think of dying in a pool of chocolate and gaining about 10 pounds per slice of Death by Chocolate cake. And we all have to admit, chocolate is exquisite. But contrary to popular belief, chocolate isn’t all that the Trellis is about.

For all you chocolate-intolerant people out there, the Trellis actually has a decent selection of non-chocolate desserts including everything from a unique selection of hand-made ice creams and sorbets (try the vanilla mint or strawberry mango), to various cheesecakes and original French-inspired dishes.

For those of you looking for low-fat desserts, not to worry — the menu also includes several fruit options, such as a strawberries and a delicious cream dish.

The only downside is that the desserts are kind of expensive; their prices range from \$10 to \$15. However, with the quality and taste that can only be provided by The Trellis’s world-famous dessert chef, you really can’t go wrong.

— Isshin Teshima

BEST BEER: THE GREEN LEAFE

All right College Delly, your game is up. We know the College Blonde is nothing more than Miller Lite with a fancy tap. Or is it High Life? No matter. We’re already heading elsewhere — to the Green Leafe, where they serve real beer. Its wide selection of brands — nearly 30 on tap and another 100, give or take, in bottles — make it the best place in Williamsburg to grab a drink. Not the cheapest, but definitely the best.

It’s all about the selection and the atmosphere, which is downright convivial. Warm wood paneling and the burble of conversation make those IPAs all the more flavorful. We’re big fans of the hand pump, too. It serves up beer the way it was meant to be enjoyed — without forced carbonation. And that reminds us: At the Leafe, our elitist sensibilities remain intact. Bud Light’s the only cheap beer on the list, and no one’s going to start playing quarters two tables over. Good beer deserves better than that, anyway. So, College Delly, we’re sorry. While we find your sketchiness endearing, when we’re looking for a great beer, we’re going to the Leafe.

— Andy Peters

BEST PARENT’S RESTAURANT: FAT CANARY

Williamsburg’s wide array of dining options certainly comes in handy when the folks are visiting, but when trying to please the parents, the Fat Canary on Duke of Gloucester Street trumps all. Owned and operated by the same crew as the Cheese Shop, the Fat Canary offers upscale, luxurious dining that is sure to please the family. Frommer’s has called it Williamsburg’s best restaurant, and it’s not hard to figure out why.

While the prices are somewhat steep (expect to pay \$25 to \$30 for entrees), they are generally worth every penny. Their braised lamb shank and pan-seared sea scallops are among the best of their entrees, and the large bar area is a great place to sip on a cocktail or enjoy some of the Fat Canary’s superb wine collection.

But perhaps the best part of this popular hotspot is its dessert. While its neighbor from across the square — The Trellis — is often believed to have the best dessert in Williamsburg, the Fat Canary is no slouch. Even if you’re just stopping in for dessert after another meal, you’re sure to find something new and delicious for the sweet tooth in your family.

— Alexander Ely

BEST COFFEE: AROMA’S

Tables crowd the aging hardwood floor of Aromas, and chairs constantly knock into each other as people maneuver across the cluttered room — evidence of the coffee shop’s popularity. The warm yellow walls and exposed ventilation system complete the cozy feel of the coffee shop. This charming ambiance — accented by live jazz on Tuesday nights — is by far Aromas’ strongest selling-point. The coffee itself is subpar at best. The menu presents a variety of interesting combinations, including a “Honey Do” Latte, Snickers Latte and Almond Joy Latte. Notice a trend there? Aromas recipes rely on a heavy dose of sugar. Nearly every drink — not to mention the desserts — tastes as if your friendly barista dumped a full cup of sugar inside before leaving it on the pick-up counter for you. Sure, Aromas may not be as convenient, delicious or student-run as the Daily Grind, but supporting local businesses of all stripes is still important in this economy. Unless you’re looking for Aromas’ signature sugar high, we’re none too worried about the Grind’s success.

— Alice Hahn

BEST OF THE 'BURG

The Flat Hat’s annual “Best of the ’Burg” highlights the area’s best restaurants



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

BEST VALUE, BEST LATE-NIGHT, BEST ON-THE-GO: WAWA

Late-night food runs to Wawa, like completing the triathlon or lining up to enter Swem when it opens at 1 p.m. on Sundays, are an unofficial institution at the College of William and Mary. For Wawa regulars, a trip to the convenience store typically involves ordering a sandwich (everyone has their favorites; some can even order from the touch screens blindfolded), perusing the chips aisle, grabbing a coffee, finding a choice alcoholic beverage — for those of age — and, of course, flirting with the checkout girl. For many freshmen, Wawa is a premiere late-night destination; in fact, most Monrovia simply refer to it as the Monroe dining hall. Furthermore, many freshman halls bond during large group outings to the Richmond Road store. Wawa remains a defining feature of many undergraduates’ experiences at the College. How can you tell? It’s more crowded at 2 a.m. than 2 p.m.

But Wawa is like the Williamsburg version of “Slumdog Millionaire” — it’s sweeping myriad categories this year. It’s easy to see why Wawa is Williamsburg’s Best Value. Cheap sandwiches make for inexpensive late-night snacks, and the coffee comes in every size and flavor you could need. As for Best On-The-Go, there’s nowhere else in Williamsburg where you can be in and out in two minutes flat — unless, of course, it’s last call at the nearby delis, in which case you can kiss the next hour goodbye. The only way to make it faster? Wawa Drive-Thru.

— Alex Guillén

BEST FROZEN TREAT: SNO-TO-GO

It’s a typical August day in Williamsburg with temperatures hovering around 90 degrees and humidity just as high. You’re sitting under a tree by the new campus sundial and are still sweating. Only one thing can make your day better: A stuffed snoball from Sno-to-Go.

The incomparable snoball comes in over 40 flavors like Bahama Mama, Nemo and Ninja Turtle. Vanilla soft-serve tops the concoction and fills the center. The soft-serve/shaved ice combo creates a perfect synthesis of flavors and cools you down enough to forget how hot it is.

Located less than 10 minutes from campus on Richmond Road, Sno-to-Go offers more than the snoball. from straight soft-serve to sno-cones, Sno-to-Go delivers refreshment from April to October.

— Andrew Pike

BEST VEGETARIAN: NAWAB

A vegetarian’s delight, Nawab is located on Monticello Avenue, next to Big Lots. The restaurant offers numerous vegetable-based choices to please vegetarians and vegans alike, making it the obvious choice for Best Vegetarian Restaurant. Two noteworthy choices include vegetable masala and palak paneer. The vegetable masala is a combination of spiced vegetables in a flavorful tomato-cream sauce. Palak paneer involves baked spinach with tender Indian cheeses and herbs and spices. All dishes are served with balsamic rice and are best complemented with fresh-baked Naan — soft Indian flatbread. The restaurant also specially prepares entrees on request, changing the intensity of the spices. Diners can request their entree be mild, medium, hot or Indian hot.

— Ashley Morgan



BEAU BLUMBERG — THE FLAT HAT

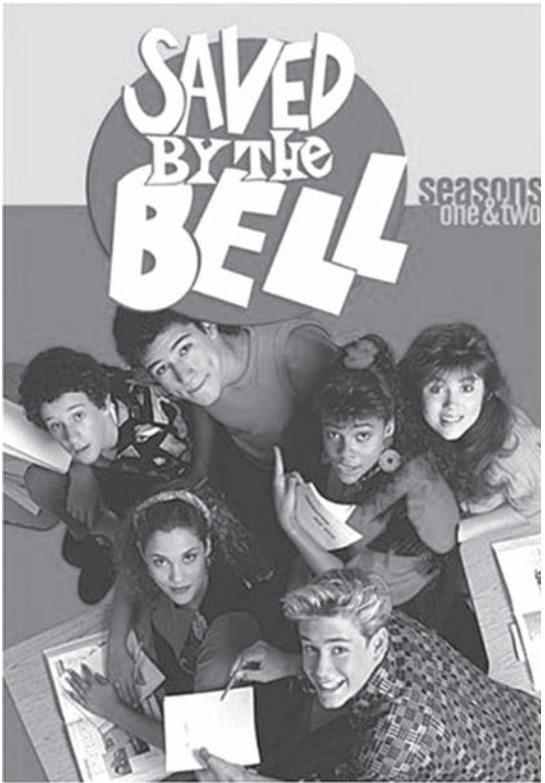
CONFUSION CORNER

Old school shows teach life lessons to kids

Brad Clark
FLAT HAT CONFUSION
CORNER COLUMNIST



Growing up, I loved “Saved By the Bell” and “Family Matters.” See also: “Salute Your Shorts,” “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,” “Clarissa Explains It All” and “The Cosby Show.” I liked them because they were funny and simple and because they were only 30 minutes long. After Steve Urkel accidentally mixed psilocybin mushrooms with the dog’s food — or whatever crazy hijinks he got involved in that week — and uttered his chalkboard-scratch of a catchphrase, everything



COURTESY PHOTO — THEMEDIAADEMECRAZY.COM
The cast of “Saved by the Bell” showed the younger generation what to expect in high school.

would be resolved and back to normal. These types of shows offered a standard template for filtering and understanding life because things like letter jackets, marching band outfits and thick, heavy glasses were labeled and spit out in a way that we were all too happy to suck up through our sippy cups. Here’s the thing about our generation: We knew high school life before we reached that age ourselves. We knew Zack, Slater, Screech and any number of other faceless stock characters before any of us needed lockers, gym shorts or trapper-keepers. We inhaled the lessons of Bayside High, in between hits of TRL, before heading off to school days punctuated by snacktimes and crafts (not being mutually exclusive, depending on your palate with regards to Elmer’s glue). Thus, when we showed up to middle school, high school, Little League, the Jewish Community Center, co-ed jazz-tap and every other extracurricular meeting, we applied these lessons to our own lives — we cast our own show. The thing about those shows is they don’t really exist anymore. The ’90s served as the last, glorious death-rattle of the sitcom as a cultural institution. And yet, the sitcom survives as a unifying feature of our generation’s childhood. I want to see how this whole approach to social life — almost a binomial nomenclature for your relations (Jockus dickheaddus, or Dorkus wedgiatrix, perhaps?)— still applies in the here-and-now. Let’s take an honest look around at the state colleges to see how they fit into the ’90s-sitcom approach to social order. You’ve got James Madison University, the partier; University of Virginia, the frathead; Virginia Tech, the jock; Virginia Commonwealth University, the drama geek; and us — the nerds. These reputation, the automatic assumptions of high school seniors Commonwealth-wide, are spot on. But before you throw your 27-function calculator at my head — though I feel invited to make a comment about the likelihood of you hitting anything with your girlish

arms — let me serve up a little truth. Our frats were in dorms (though maybe not for long), the most coveted seats on campus are in the library, and this college town has dedicated more floorspace to pancake houses than bars with a ratio which suggests either a disturbing trend bordering on some sort of maple syrup addiction-epidemic, or that we’ve been relocated secretly to Utah. In the spirit of full disclosure, however, I have to own up to something. This crackpot theory first came to me over a pint-sized glass of delicious beer, at the Green Leafe, during trivia night — if I am to be completely open. And it came to me, because what could be more nerd-ish than a packed bar all frantically trying to remember the capital of Mozambique, or which state produces the largest amount of hydrogenated corn oil (correct answer: no one cares). But then again, there they were, drinking — and on a school night, even. All of this suggested something else to me — something about why the sitcom died, or at least changed fundamentally, and about why our beloved shows now feel as removed from us as distant relatives in dusty photo albums. Additionally, this same suggestion could be why the most popular shows nowadays — “Lost,” “24,” “Heroes,” “House” — offer fewer answers than working solutions and are much more of a mixed bag in terms of happy endings and sunset-riding. This suggests that there’s something much more complex at work here, far more irreducible than old television shows or sub-par Variety columns might be able to pin down: People are rich with talents, idiosyncrasies and contradictions, if not with an encyclopedic knowledge of Sub-Saharan capitals. And no matter how much cool juice you drink, in a half-hour you still have a hallucinating dog on your hands, and you might actually have to wait and see how this one plays out. Brad Clark is a Confusion Corner columnist. He tunes into the “Saved by the Bell” reruns every morning on TBS.

CAPSULE REVIEWS

YEARS OF REFUSAL STEVEN MORRISSEY

Many artists are all too familiar with the corrosive influence of age. And yet — to quote a lyric from his old band, The Smiths — with his latest album, Steven Morrissey proves that sometimes, these things take time. Determined not atrophy with age (the man’s been performing for upwards of 30 years), Morrissey taps into an almost primal energy in his newest album, “Years of Refusal,” which presents the artist at both his most barbaric and his best. Morrissey doesn’t try to reinvent the wheel with his latest release; his standard backing band, the Tormentors, still provides the background noise. Surprisingly, he even pulls some tracks off his album, “Greatest Hits.” However, Morrissey simultaneously shatters the homogeneity with his reinvigorated vocals. On the opening track, “Something is Squeezing My Skull,” he flawlessly fluctuates from civilized to savage and delivers a ferocious closing capable of reclaiming any listeners who might have strayed from his fan base. “Years of Refusal” stands not for a reconstruction, but for a rediscovery of Morrissey’s inherent musical talents. When you notice the actual words, Morrissey continues his trend of paradoxical lyrics — parings such as “You don’t like me but you love me / Either way you’re wrong” (“All You Need is Me”) are typical for the songwriter. While previous albums speak to Morrissey’s sense of existentialism, ‘Years’ portrays a brutal physicality yet unseen to this degree. Lines like “the motion of the taxis excites me when you peel it back and bite me” (“Something is Squeezing My Skull”) are almost cringe-inducing for their carnality. Unfortunately, the album effectively fades away at the halfway point, “It’s Not Your Birthday Anymore.” This premature demise is all the more upsetting considering that the song represents the best that the album has to offer — just when things are heating up, the album trips into the icy waters of mediocrity. Nevertheless, with this year’s release, Morrissey reclaims his relevance in the world of modern music. Though in the self-aware track “You Were Good in Your Time” he confesses his own fears of approaching obsolescence, with “Years of Refusal” Morrissey shows that it’s certainly not that time yet. —Virginia Butler ★★★★★

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

When things go bump in the night

Maya Horowitz
FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



True story: First week of freshman year, two people in my dorm — let’s call them John and Jane — hooked up. The next morning, Jane woke up to a note on her whiteboard that read: “You’ve got a rash. - John.” Now, I hope this sort of interaction is rare. Broadcasting genital ailments is generally frowned upon, and it’s safe to say that John acted like a tool who has a tool with a rash. But how are you supposed to act in such a situation? What happens when your loins have lumps? An important part of mature sexuality is knowledge of your body. Your private parts should never be private to you. You should always be privy to the conditions down under. To that end, it is your responsibility to make any of yours partner aware of any sort of communicable or unsightly bump on your happy parts. On the other end, if you do not have anything on your genitals and want to keep them that way, you should take a look at your partner’s groin. I realize that this can be an uncomfortable and daunting task, especially if this is a one-night stand — and I’m not suggesting

that you bust out the microscope the second you jump under the sheets — but look before you leap. Find a way to be discreet, and remember that this is your health. All sorts of bumps can be found on and around the genitals. Not all of these are sexually transmitted infections. And, it is important to remember that not all lumpless loins are STI-free. But for now, let’s just focus on what is visible to the naked eye. Let’s start with things that are unsightly but harmless. A very common type of red bump is razor burn. With our sexual culture urging us to become as hairless as Dr. Evil’s cat, many people end up with razor burn. It looks like a lot of little raised red spots in shaven areas. Bad razor burn can result in ingrown hairs. These are swellings of the hair follicles that contain pus. In extreme cases, these get very infected and become abscesses, also known as boils. While these require antibiotics, they are not communicable. However, depending on their exact location, they may be painful enough to make you avoid doing the dirty. Women can get Bartholin cysts, which can form when the duct exiting the Bartholin gland becomes blocked. If these turn into abscesses, which are formed if cysts become infected, they will definitely result in temporary

abstinence. These abscesses look like tender lumps on the sides of their vaginal opening. And of course, sometimes girls get a genital pimple or two. Nothing is more sexy than acne in your adult playground. If you see any of the above on yourself or your partner, there is no reason to worry. They are the Boo Radleys of genital bumps — they seem scary, but they’re actually harmless. Now for the red bumps that should raise red flags. All four of these have a counterpart in another area of the body, which may help you to identify them. First off is tinea cruris, also known as jock itch. It is the same fungus as athlete’s foot. It is a red, itchy rash that can cause flaking of the skin. Jock itch is not an STI, but it can be transferred through contact. (Yes, women can get this.) Pubic lice, commonly known as crabs, also cause what seems like skin flakes (but are actually insects), as well as itching. It may look like white or gray dots on your pubic hair. In terms of transmitting this, think: head lice. Remember the rigorous checks at school and the harsh chemicals in your hair. Genital warts, caused by human papillomavirus, look like soft, raised masses with either smooth or cauliflower-like projections. If you’ve ever had a wart on your hand or foot or



OLIVIA WALSH — THE FLAT HAT

anywhere else, you should be able to recognize these bumps. Herpes, the most demonic of all the bumps, look like a cluster of small fluid-filled blisters. They may break and form sores that crust. Oral herpes looks very similar. And, contrary to popular belief, oral herpes can become genital herpes through contact. Now, the problem with all of this is that a lot of the benign lumps look very similar to the transmutable ones. The naked eye of a naked person probably won’t be able to tell the difference. This is why it is important that you know your body. If you ever see any type of

red bump on your love machine, figure out what it is. Just using a condom is not enough. Warts, lice, jock itch and herpes can all still be communicated with a condom. If you don’t know what you have, do not take the risk. That said, even if there isn’t anything there, it’s still important to use a condom. Raincoats help prevent little red bumps and little red, screaming babies. So, don’t get stuck with a big red lump; wrap your stump before you hump. Maya Horowitz is The Flat Hat sex columnist. She checks her privates daily.

SHUT UP AND DRIVE



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
Campus Golf, which took place last Saturday, gave students the opportunity to dress up in costume and participate in the College’s largest philanthropic event. The event raised money for Avalon — a Williamsburg women’s shelter — and Prevent Child Abuse America.



INSIDE SPORTS

Sports Editor Andrew Pike
flathatsports@gmail.com

What's on TV?

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Maryland vs. no. 7 Duke
— 9 p.m. Wednesday on ESPN

NBA
Rockets vs. Cavaliers
— 8 p.m. Thursday on TNT



Sound bytes

"I just have no words to describe this feeling right now. I've played big time games at Maryland, but I put this one on top."
— Maryland guard Greivis Vasquez on his team's 88-85 overtime upset of the no 3 North Carolina Tarheels.



By the numbers

35

Points Saturday for Maryland guard Greivis Vasquez to go along with 11 rebounds and 10 assists, only the third triple-double in Terrapin history.

CAMPUS GOLF

For the Flat Hat Sports family, a good walk spoiled

Inside the 2nd annual Flat Hat Sports golf competition

By JACK LAMBERT
Flat Hat Staff Writer

On a chilly Saturday afternoon, The Flat Hat Sports staff assembled in the Sunken Garden for the 2nd annual Flat Hat sports campus golf tournament, an agonizingly serious affair. Managing Editor Jeff Dooley and News Editor Miles Hilder joined Sports Editor Andrew Pike and Associate Sports Editors Matt Poms and Chris Weidman for a harrowing eight holes of exhilarating competition caddied by Associate Variety Editor Summer Finck. Staff writer Jack Lambert went along for the ride.

The boys loosely gather together for photos before the round begins. Dooley rocks bright red shorts, an old man's plaid shirt and a red headband. Pike and Hilder sport similar outfits to last year's outing. Pike adds a green fleece blanket as a cape to complement his dinosaur-print onesie, while Hilder disappoints in his green argyle sweater and khakis. Poms and Weidman go the traditional prep-py golfer route.

"What's the bet?" asks caddy Finck. Despite Pike's objections, it is decided that loser buys pizza. It's hard to be taken seriously when you're wearing a onesie.

The fivesome picks up their clubs and aims for the first hole — the back wall of the Sunken Garden.

Dooley, up first, hits "Happy Gilmore" style. Poms' first shot feebly slices to the left.

"I didn't see it, Poms. Where'd it go?" Dooley says as he prepares his next run-up to the ball.

Meanwhile, Pike is learning why the professionals leave their capes at home on windy days.

Weidman follows up by trickling his ball three inches to the left. "That's two!" Dooley says after a second shot ensues from the same spot as the first. Pike comes up from behind skipping to "Benny and the Jets."

Hilder pauses to interview Dooley and Finck on a

handheld camera for an online video. We now have a staff writer covering a section editor who is interviewing a managing editor and associate editor on film. Who says newspapers are a dying industry?

Dooley and Poms reach the wall in three strokes, Pike and Weidman in four, and Hilder in five. Hilder is the only one taking practice swings. Pike's last shot misses a girl sitting on the steps by three inches.

"I almost killed someone!" he says in a tone more befitting Christmas morning than accidental homicide.

"I want to get into Miles' head," Dooley says on the way to the second hole. "He won last year, and he's a formidable opponent. He's wearing the same sweater as last year."

Pike and Weidman tee off at the same time. "You hit me, and I hit you with my club," Pike says.

There's a poorly-timed wedding taking place in the chapel, which Pike heckles as Hilder blames his poor start on Finck's club choice. Weidman takes a two on the second hole, Poms a three and the rest hit fours.

"They're very weak," Weidman says. "It's my muscles that scare them."

"I think he weighs less than I do and I weigh one-upper-thirties-something," says Pike trailing off as he finishes the sentence.

Poms's drive on the third hole hits a tree.

"That's his Achilles heel, these long fairways," Dooley says.

"Your Achilles heel is playing by the rules," Pike shoots back.

The quintet lets another group play through and they ask Pike how many articles of clothing he has on. "Is a cape clothing?" he asks. They respond no. "Then two."

The hole proves difficult as Weidman and Hilder take a four.

"I'm the Dools, baby!" Dooley exclaims before hitting Washington Hall with his drive. The Dools is



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

The talented combatants: Matt Poms, Andrew Pike, Jeff Dooley, Chris Weidman, and Miles Hilder.

now in last place.

The cold sets in on the fourth hole, but Weidman still gets a hole in one.

"I'll see you guys later," he says, walking away to his dorm. "Get some!" he shouts as he walks back.

Poms's tee shot on five lands in a tree, while Hilder has lost interest and is now aiming for an open dorm window. The guy inside is not amused and quickly shuts the window.

"I don't see no bucket," Pike says before the sixth hole. "You don't see any bucket," Dooley corrects before bogeying the hole. Poms picks up a six and seems to be well on his way to buying a pizza.

A mime stops to talk to Finck as a hawk lands in the tree above the seventh hole.

"I think Poms came in with too much confidence," Hilder says. "It's a tragic case, really. I feel bad for him."

"I had a good game plan, but then the onesie

threw me off at the beginning, and I never recovered," Poms explained.

Pike throws his club for the second time.

The scores heading into the final hole: Weidman 25, Hilder 28, Pike 28, the Dools 33 and Poms 38. Hilder gets a three on the last hole, Poms a five, the rest fours.

"It looks like Poms is buying pizza," someone says. "I'm okay with that," says Pike.

"Wait, I thought winner was buying pizza," Poms replies. "I'm okay with that too," says Pike.

The final scores: Weidman 29, Hilder 31, Pike 32, Dooley 37 and Poms 43. Weidman's prize: a pink lollipop.

The group returns their clubs and brings it in for one last moment, a thank you for their caddy.

"Summer on three. 1-2-3 Summer," they shout before heading off for a pizza.

Toad from Mario looks on and smiles.

Resilient freshman prospers on court

QUINN from page 8

28. "It doesn't bother me now. He's got a tremendous feel for the game. That's something you don't teach."

Experience helps. Quinn, who has played basketball and soccer since he was five years old, quickly learned how to move without the ball and pick his spots on the floor in order to overcome his athletic deficiencies.

"I'm not the highest jumper or the fastest guy on the floor," McDowell said. "Learning how to beat your guy and compete against him ... is a tough lesson to learn, but once you learn it, it doesn't really go away."

He also heard a lot about competition from his father, who played wide receiver for the Tribe from 1982-1984 and worked for the Christian sports ministry Athletes in Action.

"He would always say: 'No wimpy Christian kids.' It was like his motto," Quinn said. "One of the reasons you play sports is that fire you're able to play with and that competitive nature: I'm going against this person. Who's going to come out on top?"

"That's one of the most fun things about sports."

Quinn, who is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group on campus and attends Williamsburg Community Chapel, draws inspiration from his dad's mantra.

"If you apply it to a faith aspect, you're saying, 'Christ was never really a soft guy,'" Quinn said. "Just apply that to your life."

Quinn rarely plays soft. Shaver called him the team's best finisher around the basket midway through the season, even though Quinn regularly takes on taller,



JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT

Freshman forward Quinn McDowell's strong debut season has led to his fan-favorite status.

stronger opponents. His competitive drive shows up each and everyday.

"Every drill we do, he wants to win it," Shaver said. "Quinn wasn't a great high school shooter, and shooting is very important in this system. He shoots the ball more outside of practice than anybody we have."

With two regular season CAA games remaining, Quinn is shooting 51.1 percent from the floor, 39.3 percent from beyond the arc and 80 percent from the foul line, ranking within the conference's top 10 for each statistical category.

"I really didn't have any expectations personally coming into the season," Quinn said. "I came in with the mindset: I'm going to work as hard as I can and give Coach Shaver a reason to play me."

Just nine games into the season, Quinn started his first collegiate game, playing 24 minutes and scoring 1 point against Virginia Commonwealth University Dec. 6. He didn't earn another start until Jan. 17 at the University of Delaware when he scored a then career-high 15 points. He hasn't relinquished his starting role since.

"It's been a pretty good year for me personally, but I would have liked to win a few more games," Quinn said. "Obviously we all expected the team to do better, which has been tough. It's been a growing experience."

His climb into the starting lineup, like his experience on Mount Kilimanjaro, has been equal parts imperfect and a tremendous case study in resilience. But for the coach of this struggling basketball team, McDowell has delivered more than enough.

"He's been unbelievable," Shaver said. And he's only a freshman.

College falls hard to Jaspers

MEN'S BASKETBALL from page 8

"The refs didn't miss the shots," Shaver said.

Neither did Manhattan. The Jaspers shot 57 percent from the field in the second half as Crawford and fellow guard Chris Smith combined for 21 of their team's 35 second-half points.

"Not that this game didn't mean a lot, but it is less important than the last two conference games and the [CAA] tournament," Schneider said.

Tomorrow's 7 p.m. game at Old Dominion University (18-9, 10-6 CAA) will show just how much the Tribe learned from the physical play of the Jaspers. In the College's first game against ODU, the Tribe jumped out to an early 10-point lead before falling 62-50 Jan. 17 at Kaplan Arena.

The Flat Hat

now on

twitter

Don't drop the ball!

Stay on top of
Tribe sports
news with
The Flat Hat's
new Twitter.



www.twitter.com/theflathat



SPORTS IN BRIEF

LACROSSE

College falls on road to no. 2 Duke, 18-11

The College of William and Mary fell 18-11 to the no. 2 Duke University Blue Devils Sunday in Durham. The Tribe (1-1) opened up a 6-3 advantage late in the first half, only to see its ACC opponent storm back with 6 unanswered goals to take a 9-6 halftime lead and seal the game. Sophomore goalkeeper Emily Geary finished with 15 saves, while senior Clare Dennis and sophomore Molly Wannen notched 3 goals apiece. The College was outshot 36-20 that afternoon.

MEN'S TENNIS

Tribe drops match against Boise St., defeats JMU

Sunday, the College of William and Mary narrowly fell to no. 29 Boise State University 5-2, before recovering to down CAA foe James Madison University 6-1 in a pair of matches at McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center. In the morning contest, the Tribe dropped a decisive doubles point in a third set tiebreaker in the no. 3 doubles match. After splitting the previous two matches, the College never recovered momentum on the way to the close loss. The dramatic matches did not continue into the afternoon, however, as the squad rolled to a decisive victory behind singles wins from five of the six positions.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 24 College upset by no. 31 Wake Forest, 5-2

The no. 24 College of William and Mary dropped a 5-2 decision to no. 31 Wake Forest University on the road Friday, falling to 3-3 on the year. After the Demon Deacons captured the opening doubles point, the hosts continued their strong play, notching victories at each of the top three singles positions to clinch the match. Junior Carmen Pop broke through with a win at the no. 4 singles spot and freshman Katie Kargl followed a match later, but it was too little too late for the fading Tribe.

— By Matt Poms and Jack Lambert

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

2/22 @ James Madison — 322.95-282.3

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

2/22 @ George Washington — L, 193.25-190.4

SCHEDULE

Wed., Feb. 25

SWIMMING AND DIVING

CAA Championships — Fairfax, Va.

LACROSSE

VIRGINIA TECH — 7 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

@ Old Dominion — Norfolk, Va. — 7 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 26

SWIMMING AND DIVING

CAA Championships — Fairfax, Va.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JAMES MADISON — 7 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 27

SWIMMING AND DIVING

CAA Championships — Fairfax, Va.

BASEBALL

Miami (Ohio) — Winston-Salem, N.C. — 4 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson — Winston-Salem, N.C. — 4 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

NORTHWESTERN — 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Kentucky — Lexington, Ky. — 6 p.m.

SPORTS FEATURE

Ahead of the curve

Freshman's competitive drive earns him starting job for Tribe

By ANDREW PIKE
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Make it around the next bend. Take a breather. Vomit.

That's how Quinn McDowell climbed the steep, rocky path to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. At just 14 years old, Quinn fought altitude sickness on the slopes of the African peak, struggling to finish the ascent to 19,340 feet, all the while knowing he could turn back at any moment and start his descent.

Eventually he did turn back, but only after puking out his guts and battling the elements at an elevation over three miles.

"That was definitely something I won't soon forget," Quinn said. "I missed the summit by about 100 feet

maybe. I was feeling really weak ... You're zig-zagging up the mountain. I would do a switchback and throw up. Hit the next one and have to stop."

His determination, sown in him by parents Dave and Jenn, appears each time Quinn, a 6'5" freshman forward who averages 9.5 points per game and a team-high 4.7 rebounds for the College of William and Mary, walks onto the hardwood. His leadership, honed by years on the basketball court and soccer pitch and sharpened by his continued responsibilities as the oldest child in a family of seven, shows even though he's a just freshman playing Division-I basketball.

"Nothing about the college game has overwhelmed Quinn in any way," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "When we recruited Quinn, we thought he was special. I did not feel he would make this level of impact this quickly. I didn't think he'd have to, which is a good thing and a bad thing. He's had to be an impact

player for us."

Quinn, who attended Archbishop Moeller, an all-boys Catholic high school in Cincinnati, Ohio, came to the College with some distinct advantages in terms of preparedness for the college game.

"Their program is about as close as you can get to a college program on the high school level," Quinn said. "The demands on your time — lifting, watching film and all the stuff you do in college — I was kind of used to. A lot of what I'm hearing at this level I've already heard, so I've had a head start in that sense."

Quinn uses that head start to overcome some of his athletic shortcomings on the court.

"I worried a little bit in the recruiting process about his ability to play against great athletes," Shaver said after Quinn's 16-point and 6-rebound performance against Towson University Jan. 28. "It doesn't bother me now. He's got

See QUINN page 7



JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT
Freshman forward Quinn McDowell

QUINN MCDOWELL



JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT

Fact file

Born Jan. 13, 1990

From Mason, Ohio

Attended Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati

Two-time CAA rookie of the week

Leads Tribe in rebounding at 4.7 per game

Ranks third on team in scoring at 9.5 points per game

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ice cold Tribe nears record low

By JAMISON SHABANOWITZ
Flat Hat Staff Writer

TRIBE 39, MANHATTAN 54

After both Manhattan College (17-11, 9-7 MAAC) and the College of William and Mary (9-18, 4-12 CAA) struggled to score in the first half, the Tribe's shooting woes carried over into the second.

The College shot a dismal 24 percent in the second half, falling to the Jaspers 54-39 — the team's lowest point total since a 100-38 loss at no. 1 Duke University Jan. 11, 1989.

"We knew it was going to be physical, and I think we handled that well. But as was the case at points throughout the year, we were completely inept on the offensive side of the ball," Head Coach Tony Shaver said.

The Tribe played Manhattan as part of ESPNU BracketBusters, a competition designed to pair mid-major teams from different conferences against each other.

The game's physicality hampered the first-half shooting numbers as both teams shot around 30 percent.

The game's first bucket was not scored until Manhattan guard Darryl Crawford, who finished with a game-high 17 points, scored on a floater almost four

minutes into the first half.

After two quick three-pointers by junior forward Danny Sumner, who had a team-high 11 points on 3 of 12 shooting, and junior guard David Schneider, the Tribe went cold, not hitting another basket from the field until its first two-point field goal, a layup by freshman forward Quinn McDowell on a give-and-go from senior forward Peter Stein at the 5:48 mark of the first half. McDowell was fouled hard on the play and added a free throw to complete the three-point play. It was one of the few offensive highlights all game for the Tribe.

"We had some shots, but we just couldn't get them to fall," Sumner said.

The College's comeback effort hit a snag in the second half when leading-scorer Schneider fouled out with 5:39 remaining after being called for a charge.

"It doesn't help when the referees don't call hand-checking calls," said Schneider, who shot 2 of 12 from the field and 1 of 9 from three-point range. "That prevented us some of the time from getting the shots we wanted down the stretch."

Ultimately, the team's poor shooting, which included a 1 of 12 effort from three-point range in the second half, did in the Tribe.

See MEN'S BASKETBALL page 7



JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT
Junior forward Danny Sumner

BASEBALL

College wins 3 of 4 over opening weekend

By JACK LAMBERT
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The weather was as cold as the Tribe was green, but although the temperature never got warmer, the College of William and Mary did, kicking off its 2009 season with a 3-1 mark on opening weekend.

Freshman pitchers Matt Davenport and Cole Shain recorded their first collegiate wins, while fellow rookies Stephen Arcure and Tadd Bower went 6 for 14 and 8 for 18 on the weekend, respectively, to help lead the Tribe to a pair of wins over Iona College and a victory over Buffalo University in the DiMarini First Pitch Classic.

"I was very happy with what the freshman did, they did a real nice job," Head Coach Frank Leoni said. "I thought, and this is a little to the extreme, but I thought they had a real veteran look at this weekend."

Sunday it was centerfielder Arcure who paced the Tribe offensively, going 1 for 2 with two RBI's and three runs scored. A 6-run sixth inning featuring

RBI singles from senior Rob Nickle (3-5, 6 RBI), Bower (3-5, 3 RBI) and senior Brett Conner (3-4, RBI) made sure that junior Kevin Landry would record his first save of the season with little difficulty.

Saturday featured a twin billing, as the College bested Iona 16-6 in the first contest before dropping a 4-2 ballgame to Buffalo later that night. Third baseman Tyler Stampone went 3-3 with three runs scored versus the Gaels to add to his team-leading .517 average, while Shain picked up his first win of the season, allowing four runs and eight hits in six innings pitched.

Freshman Garrison Sarrett picked up a three-inning save on the contest while senior second baseman James Williamson scored three runs to add to his team lead of five on the season.

The nightcap featured a pitcher's duel between freshman Jay McCarthy and sophomore Logan Billbrough for the Tribe and Pierre Miville-Deschenes and Chris Ciesla for the Bison. McCarthy allowed four runs in five innings while Billbrough closed the door in the

last three, allowing no runs while striking out four.

But the Tribe duo's effort was not enough as Miville-Deschenes and Ciesla held the College to two runs with seven scattered hits to give Buffalo a 4-2 victory.

"If you look at our team and they way we are built, we're built differently than last year," Leoni said. "We didn't lose a game last year when we held our opponent to under four runs."

Friday's matchup of the Tribe and Bison could not have been more different as the teams took four hours to play nine innings in a 10-9 Tribe victory. William and Mary held a 7-3 lead going into the top of the seventh before Buffalo scored 6 runs in two innings off of Landry and Davenport.

The Tribe rallied to take the lead in the bottom of the eighth when Bower drove in Stanfield from second base with a two-out single between second and third. Davenport then came on to close the door in the ninth and pick up his first career win.



KERRY FOGARTY — THE FLAT HAT
Freshman righthander Chris Yates